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Applicant: Kazuhisa KASHIWAZAKI et al. Conf.: 4184  
Appl. No.: 09/978,063 Group: 1742  
Filed: October 17, 2001 Examiner: J. Combs-Morillo  
For: ALUMINUM SHEET MATERIAL FOR AUTOMOBILE AND  
METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME

**SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW UNDER M.P.E.P. § 713.04**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

October 21, 2004

Sir:

Further to the Interview of October 20, 2004, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application. This reply includes **Remarks** starting at page 2 of this paper.

Applicants note that a Notice of Appeal was filed on October 20, 2004. The due date for any supplemental response is December 20, 2004.

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**REMARKS**

In compliance with M.P.E.P. § 713.04, Applicants submit the following comments.

Applicants' representative and Examiner Combs-Morillo conducted an Interview on October 20, 2004. Applicants had previously reviewed the contents of the Advisory Action that issued October 18, 2004. Applicants contacted the Examiner to inquire whether canceling claims 3 and 9 would resolve all outstanding issues. Thus, as a condition for allowance, the Examiner has agreed to cancel claims 3 and 9, wherein claims 14 and 17-20 are allowed.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the time and consideration given the claims, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Eugene T. Perez (Reg. No. 48,501) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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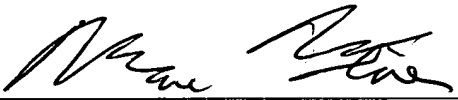
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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